

PHILADELPHIA

Let freedom ring in the home of the Liberty Bell! Discover the world of the Founding Fathers with visits to Independence Hall, the National Constitution Center, the Betsy Ross House, and more.

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Day 1:

- Meet your Tour Director and board your private motor coach.
- Explore the **National Constitution Center**, the country's sole institution dedicated to increasing awareness and understanding of our founding document. The museum includes immersive exhibits, multimedia presentations, and relevant artifacts like a copy of the Emancipation Proclamation.
- Walk to the **U.S. Mint** and learn the history, science, and engineering behind our country's currency.
- Bring liberty to life at the **Museum of the American Revolution**. From the onset of colonial unrest in Boston to the signing of the Declaration of Independence in Philadelphia, the museum's exhibits explore our nation's revolutionary origins.
- Enjoy an iconic Philly cheesesteak for dinner.
- Discover the city's haunted hot spots during a **ghost tour** of historic Philadelphia.

Day 2:

- Take a walking tour of the historic **Old City** neighborhood. Stops include the **Betsy Ross House**, Benjamin Franklin's **Printing House**, and **Elfreth's Alley** (the nation's oldest continuously-occupied residential street).
- Follow the footsteps of the Founding Fathers with a tour of **Independence Hall**. You'll visit a colonial courtroom and step inside the room where the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution were debated and signed.
- Walk to the **Liberty Bell Center** and stop for photos at the world-famous icon.
- Explore the **Franklin Institute**, a science museum and research center named after the famous inventor and statesman, Benjamin Franklin.
- Take a group photo with the Rocky statue outside the **Philadelphia Museum of Art**. If you're feeling daring, jog up the "Rocky steps" to recreate the movie's famous scene!
- Enjoy free time in **Franklin Square**, one of the city's five original open-space parks.

Day 3:

- Travel to **Valley Forge**. The site became the Continental Army's encampment during the winter of 1777-1778 after the British captured Philadelphia. Because the troops suffered a bleak winter and a dangerous shortage of supplies, Valley Forge has become a symbol of American perseverance.
- Visit the **Flight 93 Memorial**. The site honors the brave crew and passengers on United Flight 93, which crashed here during the events of September 11, 2001.
- Continue your travel to **Lancaster County**, home to "Amish Country."
- Enjoy traditional Pennsylvania Dutch country fare during lunch at **Plain & Fancy**.
- Embark on **The Amish Experience** on a ride through Lancaster County's only designated Heritage Site. First, tour the farmlands and get a rare look at the world's oldest Amish community. Visit an Amish family homestead and a one-room schoolhouse. The experience concludes with a viewing of "Jacob's Choice," a compelling, multimedia representation of one young man's experience within the Amish tradition.

Day 4:

- Stroll along **Penn's Landing** and visit the **Independence Seaport Museum**, featuring the USS Olympia. Dating to 1892, it is the oldest steel warship afloat in the world.
- At the **National Liberty Museum**, explore the stories of heroes who fought for freedom and consider the roles we all play in creating and sustaining liberty.
- Go past the gates at **Eastern State Penitentiary**, once the most famous and expensive prison in the world. Nowadays, its prison cells serve as a haunted house. Home to some of the most infamous criminals (and spirits) in American history, you might be able to spot the cell that once welcomed "Scarface" Al Capone!
- Depart for home.

